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REPORT				
Brand Airfield				
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REMARKS				

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1. [redacted] list of
railroad supply shipments for Brand airfield, covering the period from 11 to
20 April: 50X1-HUM
 - 11 April 1 boxcar with clothing, shipping station Cottbus 50X1-HUM
 - 12 April 6 railroad tank cars from Riesa Hafen 50X1-HUM
 - 13 April 8 railroad tank cars from Riesa Hafen
 - 14 April 1 boxcar with military goods from the Kech unit in Falkensee to the
Menkina unit (2)
 - 16 April 1 railroad tank car from Velten, 50X1-HUM
- On 20 April, [redacted]
[redacted] a shipment from Riesa Hafen. (4)
2. About two months ago a board fence, two meters high, had been erected around the
western portion of the airfield. This fence begins in the north, leads in
the direction of the southwestern end of the spur taxiway and extends in the
direction of the western part of the fuel dump. Wooden gates were constructed
at the crossingpoints of the fence with roads, the spur track and the highway
from Brand to Krausnick.
3. On 14 April, a lieutenant was seen who wore an air force clasp with a bomb in
the center and a superimposed Soviet star. On 19 April, the officer of the
patrol car had an air force clasp with crossed swords and a superimposed Soviet
star. There was an Arabic 3 in the center of the clasp. (5)
4. Motor vehicles observed near Brand railroad station included 50X1-HUM
trucks [redacted] and sedans [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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5. Incoming shipments between 21 April and 1 May included:

21 April 7 railroad tank cars from Riesa Hafen

22 April 4 boxcars with ammunition from Buckau, Kreis Burg

29 April 4 boxcars with ammunition from Buckau, Kreis Burg

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30 April 1 boxcar with military goods from Verneuchen

1 May 3 boxcars with military goods from the Mech unit in Falkensee for the administration Konohov. (6)

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6. On 10 April, Lieutenant Gishnov (fnu) (phonetic spelling) was in charge of the six horses at the airfield. As a member of the administrative unit, he wore silver epaulets. Lieutenant Gishnov mentioned Galenko (fnu) (phonetic spelling) as chief of the camp. Three AA guns were seen about 150 meters north of the stables. The gun barrels pointed up at an angle of about 45 degrees. No details could be obtained. (7)

7. At 10:30 a.m. on 12 April, three flights of nine jet bombers flying in V formation, were observed from Briesen. (C)

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Lieutenant Colonel Karnatovsky (fnu) was transferred to Potsdam after the airfield was occupied. (9) Truck was seen at the field.

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8. At 11 a.m. on 11 April, 17 type-27 and one type-30 jet bombers were counted at Brand airfield. Between 7:30 and 10:30 a.m., individual jet bombers took off at intervals of 15 to 20 minutes and landed after flying for about 10 minutes. The landing flaps were already extended when the aircraft taxied to the take off point and were retracted when the aircraft flew over Krausnick at an altitude of about 100 meters.

On 12 April between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., flying was practiced; the aircraft flew in formations of three. A jet bomber, towing a sleeve target flew in front of the flight.

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There was no flying on 13 April. Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 14 April, the same type flying activity as observed on 12 April was continued.

On 15 April, 22 jet bombers took off at short intervals and assembled in a formation. The aircraft returned in the afternoon.

the jet bombers headed further to the north. Numbers identified on the aircraft

The field was not observed on 16 and 17 April. Between 19 and 22 April, there was no flying although the weather was good.

9. New officers and EW arrived after Easter.

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The crew of the Four-ast radio station was also replaced. It was learned from Soviet soldiers that the new personnel had come from Cottbus, Neubrandenburg and Juterbog. A first lieutenant, was detached to Brand for a training course of four weeks.

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(11)

10. Motor vehicles observed near the airfield

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11. [redacted] the following buildings were to be erected south of the officers billets: one hotel for officers and two cantonment buildings for EM as billets for personnel only temporarily stationed at Brand, one dispensary, one kitchen, one garage and one storage building. The construction of the billets was particularly urgent. The Mech unit in Wunsdorf requested that the other buildings be completed by 20 June. This target date cannot be met, because there were only 10 to 30 percent of the required bricks available.
12. There was no flying on 21 April. At 11 a.m., three columns of soldiers marched to an inspection held at the western end of the runway; 287 EM were counted. They did not carry arms. Officers were not seen. There was no flying between 29 April and 3 May. During this period, the field was still occupied by 18 jet bombers. The soldiers played soccer, ran around and were frequently drunk. Colonel Saldatov (fnu) was mentioned as the commanding officer of the airfield. The labor battalion with black-bordered blue epaulets which had been stationed at Brand airfield since the beginning of its occupation was replaced by a technical unit wearing black epaulets. On 29 April, five railroad tank cars were seen at the fuel dump. On 2 May, four motorized radio stations were counted at the parking lot, and another mobile radio station was observed about 100 m south of the runway near the wooden barracks. [redacted] the AA guns set up at Brand airfield had a caliber of 76.2-mm. (12)

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Comments.

- (1) [redacted]
- (2) Wenkin (fnu) is an accountant at the OATB of the bomber regiment stationed at Brand airfield.
- (3) [redacted]
- (4) [redacted] all shipments going to the airfield.
- (5) A sketch of the reported clasp was previously transmitted. It is believed that the clasp represents the insignia of a bombardier. The meaning of the 3 was not determined.
- (6) [redacted]
- The Konokov unit, probably an administrative unit, is reported for the first time.
- (7) [redacted]
- [redacted] these guns were set up farther to the south.
- (8) The aircraft observed came probably from Berneuchen. The bomber regiment stationed at Brand airfield is equipped with 18 Type-27 and one Type 30 bombers.
- (9) Karnatovsky (fnu) was assigned to the construction staff in Jorder.
- (10) The aircraft [redacted] belong to the bomber regiment in Berneuchen.
- (11) These emplacements are being constructed probably for one of the two AAA batteries which arrived on 7 April.
- (12) [redacted]

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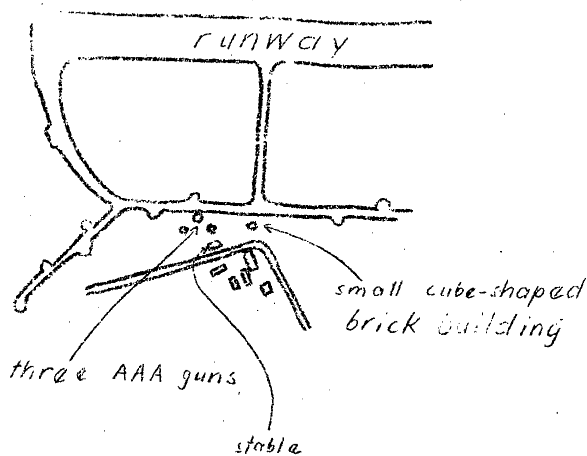
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